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Thanksgiving Bible Trivia

40 questions on giving thanks in Scripture · answer key at the end

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Round 1: Stories of thanksgiving

1. How many lepers did Jesus heal in Luke 17?
2. How many of the healed lepers came back to give thanks?
3. What nationality was the leper who returned?
4. Which prophet kept praying and giving thanks three times a day, even after a law made it a crime?
5. Which prophet promised God "the voice of thanksgiving" from inside a great fish?
6. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight in the Philippian jail?
7. In the middle of a storm, before a shipwreck, what did Paul do with bread in front of 276 people?
8. Which king sent singers ahead of his army saying "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever"?
9. Who said "the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord"?
10. In Jesus' parable, who prayed "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are"?

Round 2: Jesus gives thanks

11. What did Jesus do with the loaves before feeding the five thousand in John 6?
12. How many loaves did Jesus give thanks for before feeding the four thousand?
13. What were Jesus' first words to the Father at Lazarus's tomb?
14. At the Last Supper, what did Jesus do before breaking the bread?
15. Jesus thanked the Father for hiding "these things" from whom, and revealing them to whom?
16. True or false: Jesus gave thanks for the bread on the night he was betrayed, knowing what was coming.

Round 3: The thanksgiving psalms

17. Which psalm is titled "A Psalm of praise" and says "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving"?

18. In Psalm 136, how many verses end with "for his mercy endureth for ever"?

19. Which psalm repeats "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness" four times?

20. Psalm 107 tells four rescue stories. Name two of the groups rescued.

21. Finish Psalm 103:2: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not…"

22. Which psalm says "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving"?

23. According to Psalm 50:14, what should we "offer unto God"?

24. The exact line "O give thanks unto the Lord" appears seven times in the KJV. Which book has six of them?

Round 4: Harvest, offerings and feasts

25. In the law of Moses, what was the special offering for giving thanks called?

26. How soon did the meat of the thanksgiving sacrifice have to be eaten?

27. What was the autumn harvest feast called in Exodus 23:16, held "in the end of the year"?

28. How many days did Israelites live in booths during the Feast of Tabernacles?

29. What did an Israelite bring in a basket to the priest, saying "I have brought the firstfruits of the land"?

30. What does Deuteronomy 8:10 say to do "when thou hast eaten and art full"?

31. At what time of year did Naomi and Ruth arrive in Bethlehem?

32. When Nehemiah dedicated the rebuilt wall of Jerusalem, what did he set up on top of it?

33. Whom did David appoint "to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel" before the ark?

Round 5: Paul on giving thanks

34. Finish 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks: for this is…"

35. In Philippians 4:6, prayer and supplication should come "with" what?

36. What does Paul thank God for in 2 Corinthians 9:15?

37. According to Ephesians 5:20, when and for what should we give thanks?

38. In Romans 1:21, what two failures describe people who "knew God"?

39. According to 1 Timothy 4:4, what makes food "nothing to be refused"?

Round 6: Bonus word-count question

40. How many times do the words "grateful" and "gratitude" appear in the King James Bible?

Answer key

Thanksgiving Bible Trivia · references from the King James Version

Round 1: Stories of thanksgiving

1. Ten (Luke 17:12-14).
2. One. Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17).
3. He was a Samaritan (Luke 17:16), and Jesus called him "this stranger" (Luke 17:18).
4. Daniel, "his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem" (Daniel 6:10). That's what landed him in the lions' den.
5. Jonah: "I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving… Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).
6. They "prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them" (Acts 16:25).
7. "He took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all" and began to eat (Acts 27:35, 37).
8. Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:21). When they began to sing, the Lord set ambushes against the enemy (2 Chronicles 20:22).
9. Job, after losing his children and possessions in one day (Job 1:21).
10. The Pharisee (Luke 18:11). A thank-you prayer can still be proud; the tax collector who prayed "God be merciful to me a sinner" went home justified.

Round 2: Jesus gives thanks

11. "When he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples" (John 6:11).
12. Seven loaves, with "the fishes" (Matthew 15:36).
13. "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me" (John 11:41), said before Lazarus came out.
14. He "took bread, and gave thanks" (Luke 22:19). He also gave thanks for the cup (Matthew 26:27).
15. Hidden "from the wise and prudent", revealed "unto babes" (Matthew 11:25).
16. True. Luke 22:19 records the thanksgiving at the same meal where Jesus says "the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table" (Luke 22:21). It's one of the clearest pictures of giving thanks "in every thing".

Round 3: The thanksgiving psalms

17. Psalm 100 (Psalm 100:1, 4).
18. All 26 of them (Psalm 136:1-26).
19. Psalm 107, at verses 8, 15, 21 and 31.
20. Any two of: wanderers in the wilderness (verse 4), prisoners "bound in affliction and iron" (verse 10), the sick (verse 17), and sailors in a storm (verse 23).
21. "…all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).
22. Psalm 95 (Psalm 95:2).
23. "Thanksgiving" (Psalm 50:14).
24. Psalms (Psalms 105:1, 106:1, 107:1, 118:1, 118:29 and 136:1). The seventh is 1 Chronicles 16:34.

Round 4: Harvest, offerings and feasts

25. "The sacrifice of thanksgiving", a kind of peace offering (Leviticus 7:12).
26. The same day it was offered; nothing could be left until morning (Leviticus 7:15). Thanksgiving was meant to be shared at once, not stored.
27. The feast of ingathering, alongside "the feast of harvest" for the firstfruits (Exodus 23:16).
28. Seven days (Leviticus 23:42).
29. The firstfruits of the harvest (Deuteronomy 26:2, 10).
30. "Bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee" (Deuteronomy 8:10). It's a good verse to read after the Thanksgiving meal.
31. "In the beginning of barley harvest" (Ruth 1:22).
32. "Two great companies of them that gave thanks", who marched in opposite directions on the wall (Nehemiah 12:31).
33. Certain of the Levites (1 Chronicles 16:4), with Asaph and his brethren leading a psalm of thanks (1 Chronicles 16:7).

Round 5: Paul on giving thanks

34. "…the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
35. "With thanksgiving" (Philippians 4:6).
36. "His unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).
37. "Always for all things" (Ephesians 5:20).
38. "They glorified him not as God, neither were thankful" (Romans 1:21). Ingratitude is near the root of the problem Paul describes.
39. Being "received with thanksgiving" (1 Timothy 4:4), "sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:5). A short answer to why Christians pray before meals.

Round 6: Bonus word-count question

40. Zero. The KJV's word is "thanks". By our count of the KJV text, the family of words "thank", "thanks", "thanked", "thanking", "thankful", "thankfulness", "thanksgiving", "thanksgivings", "thankworthy" and "unthankful" appears 141 times. "Thankful" alone appears just three times: Psalm 100:4, Romans 1:21 and Colossians 3:15.

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